

WEEKLY REPORT
Region 9
Environmental Protection Agency
Week of February 3, 2017
Superfund Division

Highlight of Past Week

Triple Site Offsite OU VI Investigation (Sunnyvale, CA): This past week, we received TCE results of up to 12 ug/m3 from winter re-sampling in a studio apartment. Previous rounds of testing in this building had shown low-level VI within the risk protective range. Personal Privacy 6

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Additionally, this week the RP collected crawlspace samples from a single-family duplex where a roof-mounted turbine was installed to augment the performance of the passive barrier. This homeowner had requested a separate electrical service for the mitigation system, and until the RP converts the system from passive to active we required them to conduct additional mitigation activities to improve the performance of the passive venting system. (Contact: Melanie Morash, x2-3050 or Alejandro Diaz, x2-3242)

Iron King Mine Superfund Site: This week the removal program issued fully funded task orders for Iron King Mine (\$1.9M, Dewey-Humboldt, AZ), Anderson Springs (\$400,000, Middletown, CA) and LBJ Medical Center (\$100,000, American Samoa) on our Superfund cleanup contract. Removal actions are all planned to commence in the coming weeks to months. Iron King Mine is a Superfund site where residential properties have high levels of lead and arsenic. Anderson Springs is a removal action to address mercury contamination in the aftermath of the Valley Wildfire and LBJ Medical Center in American Samoa is to remove a variety of hazardous materials including elemental mercury. (Contact: Peter Guria x23043/Harry Allen x2-3063).

Pitman Farms settlement: On January 31, we signed and submitted to the Regional Hearing Officer for final entry, a Consent Agreement and Final Order in the matter of Pitman Farms (Pitman). Pitman owns Sanger Poultry, which had a series of recent ammonia releases which caused several workers to require hospital treatment. We issued an Administrative Order on Consent in May 2016 to ensure completion of their plans to replace the facility ammonia refrigeration system. This CA/FO is for penalties for the underlying violations of Clean Air Act §112(r) and CERCLA and EPCRA release reporting requirements. Under the CA/FO Pitman will pay a \$242,980 civil penalty and perform two supplemental environmental projects, providing emergency response equipment to the Fresno County Hazardous Material Emergency Response Team and the City of Fresno Fire Department, valued at nearly \$200,000. Deliberative Process 1

(Contact: Jeremy

Johnstone, x2-3499)

Community Involvement Plan Update: We are continuing our efforts in finalizing interviews in the Puente Valley community. Last week, Kathleen Aisling and Viola Cooper met with elected officials and stakeholders to interview them for the Community Involvement Plan update. Congresswoman Grace Napolitano expressed gratitude for our site update (see photo below). (Contact: Viola Cooper, x2-3243)



Montrose/Del Amo Neighborhood Vapor Intrusion Investigation (Los Angeles, CA): On January 26, Matt Plate, Lilian Abreu (both EMD 3-2) and Yariisa Martinez met with personnel from various divisions of DTSC in Cypress, CA, for two meetings regarding Vapor Intrusion. The first meeting was about general vapor intrusion sampling mechanisms and field information. The second meeting was to share all the data from the field soil gas investigation for the community near the Montrose Site which is the second phase of the neighborhood vapor intrusion investigation. The indoor air results were similar to the 2015 investigation, and **there are no urgent health risks associated with vapor intrusion in the homes**. Our soil gas investigation has lead EPA to address higher levels of PCE in the soil-gas found on the industrial area west of Normandie. (Contact: Yariisa Martinez, x4-1806)

San Gabriel Valley Area 1 (El Monte OU): Enforcement (b) (7) (A)

(Contact: Mariam Fawaz, x2-3078)

Anaconda Mine Site (NV): Enforcement (b) (7) (A)

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Ball, x2-3047)

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Fruitland Magnesium Fire, Maywood, CA: OSC Musante is overseeing roof structure shoring work on site this week. Once the roof structure is stabilized, concrete sealant can be applied safely over the concrete pad. This work will cut off any potential exposure to trace metal and PCB concentrations in and/or on the concrete. (Contact: Jason Musante, 213-479-2120)

Significant Items for Next Week

Press Stories, Significant Policy, Regulatory, or Legal Actions (2-3 weeks out)

Hewlett Packard 620-640 Page Mill Road Site (Palo Alto, CA): Last week's Mercury News carried an article about teenagers at Gunn High School petitioning the City Council to require vapor intrusion investigations in buildings over the plume. We are coordinating with the State and the State project manager is responding.

<http://www.mercurynews.com/2017/01/25/palo-alto-teens-ask-city-for-vapor-intrusion-policy/>
(Contact: Melanie Morash, x2-3050 or Alejandro Diaz, x2-3242)

Grant Announcements

Legislative Engagement

Travel, Training, Public/National Meetings, and Speaking Engagements

30-60 Day Outlook

Hawaii 112r Inspections:

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(Contact: Jeremy Johnstone, x2-3499)

Other Information

Division Director Schedule:

Internal Personnel (b) (2)

Internal to Region 9

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